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NEWSLETTER

STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION
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PEG GADBOW, CONSULTANT FOR THE STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION has been appointed to a newly created post with the Missoula schools. She will serve as Director of Libraries for the elementary school system and began her duties on October 23. Peg will continue as Executive Director of National Library Week and promises an early communication from Bill Baillie, State Chairman. Mr. Baillie is very busy indeed lining up his state committee.

"EVERY CHILD NEEDS A SCHOOL LIBRARY" was the theme of a full day workshop held in Kalispell for administrators and teachers in Flathead and Lincoln counties. The institute was under the direction of the State Library Commission and at the invitation of Mr. D. P. Langbell, Superintendent of Schools in Kalispell. Two meetings of the Northwest Federation of Libraries were held on the preceding day, in the afternoon and evening

WHITEFISH HELD A BOOKMOBILE OPEN-HOUSE on September 26 in a demonstration of the services and cooperation existing between the four member libraries of the Northwest Federation.

MARIAN PLACE, NOTABLE MISSOULA AUTHOR OF CHILDREN'S BOOKS, spoke at a special dinner to groups from Libby and Troy on the value and demand for informative juvenile books in libraries. She later accompanied Mrs. Robert Herrig, Coordinator, Northwest Federation of Libraries, on a Bookmobile tour of the Yaak and Sylvanite districts where she autographed her books and spoke briefly at both schools.

THE HILL COUNTY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY held its annual fall tea at Kremlin on October 10th. Jessie Marsh of Bozeman, author of the "New Little Fuzzy Green Worm", was the featured speaker at this well attended observance.

CELEBRATION OF THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PARMLY BILLINGS MEMORIAL LIBRARY took place at a reception on Sunday afternoon, October 18 in the library. Margaret Scherf was the featured speaker at this well attended observance.

THE SAGEBRUSH FEDERATION OF LIBRARIES met in Miles City on September 4th. Principle study at this meeting was on improving methods and means of book selection.

HAROLD J. STEARNS, EDITOR OF THE HARLOWTON TIMES, and his wife, Jean, have established the Billy DeSmet Stearns Montana Historical Memorial for the Harlowton High School, in memory of their son, Billy. They have set up a permanent endowment which they hope to build up over the years and that at present will provide at least $50 for books each year. This is a fine and generous contribution and we hope sincerely that others will follow Jean and Hal Stearn's example in other places.

ROGER SPILLERS WAS NAMED LIBRARIAN OF THE HELENA PUBLIC LIBRARY and assumed that post on October 2nd succeeding Mrs. Mabel T. Miller. Mr. Spillers has been special projects director since August 1960.

MR. HENRY DRENNAN, IDAHO STATE LIBRARIAN, has accepted a position in the Office of Education as Public Library Specialist of the Library Services Branch in Washington D.C.

ALVE THOMAS, CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE SCHOOL LIBRARY COMMITTEE, has announced a meeting of the committee in Helena, November 18 at 10 o'clock in Miss Miller's Office. Plans for implementing the A.L.A. School Library Standards will be presented by Letitia Johnson, chairman of the A.A.S.L. Committee and reports on the Library Division meetings at M.E.A. will be heard.

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ELEVEN LIBRARIANS FROM MONTANA ATTENDED THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST LIBRARY ASSOCIATION conference in Eugene, Oregon, September 7-9. Merwin Moores, Northern Montana College Librarian was elected first vice-president and president-elect for 1961-62. Miss Kathleen Campbell, Librarian, Montana State University was re-elected to the Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center Executive Committee. Mrs. Ruth O. Longworth, Librarian, State Library Commission remains Montana's representative on the association's executive board.

MAYOR JOHN J. WHITE OF ROUNDUP PROCLAIMED FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 AS LIBRARY TAG DAY. The Roundup Woman's Club urged everyone to participate in Tag Day and made it a feature of their first meeting of the year.

PULITZER PRIZE WINNERS FOR 1961 are: Fiction "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee; Distinguised Verse, Phyllis McGinley, "Times Three: Selected Verse from Three Decades;" Biography, David Donald for "Charles Sumner and the Coming of the Civil War;" History, Herbert Feis for "Between War and Peace: The Potsdam Conference;" Drama, "All the Way Home" by Tad Mosel, his first play based on the Pulitzer Prize novel by James Agee , "A Death in the Family."

BERNADINE BAILEY'S NEW PICTURE BOOK OF MONTANA is out. Pictures by Kurt Wiese, Albert Whitman & Co., $1.25 1961. Charmingly illustrated, here is a most welcome account of Montana's history and development which all children will devour with delight. It is part of the popular series of the United States Books.

WEBSTER'S THIRD NEW INTERNATIONAL DICTIONARY (Unabridged) published by Merriam (20720 pages) $47.50 is now available. This is the first full revision of a Merriam-Webster Unabridged dictionary in twenty-seven years!

MRS. PAUL C. PHILLIPS has finished her long job of checking the manuscript and assembling the illustrations for her late husband's two-volume work, The Fur Trade, University of Oklahoma Press $16.50. The concluding chapters were written by J. W. Smurr to complete this chronicle by the former professor of history at M.S.U.

"YOU'RE ON EXHIBIT," a two fold pamphlet covering the public relations aspects of exhibits for libraries is available from the Library Administration Division of the American Library Association. Prices are: 25 copies 75¢; 50 copies $1.25; 100 copies $2.25; 250 copies $5.50; and 500 copies $9.50.

THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for September 16, 1961 includes a glowing tribute to libraries by Senator Frank E. Moss of Utah. He ends up quoting Bacon who says, "Libraries are the shrines where all the relics of the ancient saints, full of true virtue, and that without delusion or imposture, are preserved and reposed."

A LEAFLET CALLING ATTENTION OF LIBRARIANS AND TRUSTEES to the Goals for Americans program and suggesting ways libraries may cooperate in organizing discussion groups and other activities has been prepared for wide distribution among libraries by the Adult Services Division of the American Library Association. Goals for Action, a triangular, three panelled permanent exhibit which illustrates the needs of library service in college and university, public and school libraries is now available through the Library Administration Division of the American Library Association. Each unit is 7'6" high, 8' wide, and 2' deep requiring an 8' booth as a minimum display area. Each panel is free standing, and the units require no tools for assembling. The exhibit is available without charge other than shipping costs as a three panel unit or as individual displays of one or two units. Each panel is complete with shipping case, lights and simple set of instructions.